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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is a U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application entitled: Method For Forming An Opening In A Light-Absorbing Layer On A Mask

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Eleven (11) pages of description (before the claims);

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		This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§119 and/or 365 to German Application No. 10309266.8 filed on March 4, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.
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